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CAPE VERDE VISITOR: King Khaled at his meeting Sunday with a Cape Verde emissary who delivered a message from his president to the Monarch.

## Sadat sees peace with Israel inevitable after 'give and take'

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat said Monday a peace agreement with Israel would eventually be signed—but only after a diplomatic exchange of "give and take."

But Sadat urged Israel to quit trying to "abot" the peace process and called on Arab regimes to stop giving the Jewish state fuel for intransigence and territorial expansion.

"In any event, we are determined never to permit conditions to return to the phase of no peace no war in the region," Sadat said in a taped

television interview marking his 60th birthday anniversary.

He marshaled details of the Arab-Israeli conflict, accentuating the current U.S.-sponsored peace drive and blaming radical Palestinians and Arab regimes for defying the logic of peace.

He said that conditions of war had been the norm for Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin's way of thinking and that the peace drive marked the start of a "horrendous struggle for that man who harbors the dream of extending Israel's territory to the River Euphrates in the east and the River Nile in the southwest."

"And I can't help wondering," Sadat exclaimed, "when we managed to push Israel into the tight corner of peace, we were surprised to see some Arab regimes trying to refuel Israel's intransigence and give it reason to procrastinate and pursue expansionist dreams."

These Arab regimes, he complained, were serving Israel's goals more than their own objectives of liberation and economic ties, and open borders.

Reviewing his contacts with the Palestinian resistance movement, and the Syrian government of President Hafez Assad, Sadat said: I have tasted bitterness from the Palestinians and the Syrians.

Sadat disclosed that Assad had insisted that Carter must "pressure Israel in the same fashion that (the late U.S. President Dwight) Eisenhower did in 1956," when Washington eased invasion troops of Britain, France and Israel out of Egyptian territory.

Times change, he reasoned, and "what was applicable in the 1950s cannot be observed in the 1970s."

"Peace is inevitable," Sadat insisted. "Peace is the only way out of the current dilemma."

Began meanwhile called a special cabinet session Tuesday to discuss the stalled Middle East peace talks, government officials said Monday.

Began made his decision after Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan returned from Brussels and briefed him on his talks there with Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil and United States Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Dayan said on arrival that the differences between Israel and Egypt could be bridged if both sides agreed to compromise.

He said a gap still existed between the positions of the two countries. "Only if Egypt changes its position and Israel follows suit will the gap be bridged," he told reporters.

Dayan refused to say what the next step would be. Both he and Egyptian Premier Khalil would have to report first to their governments, he added.

Officials declined to give details about the Brussels meetings, and Israeli news media provided conflicting accounts of what happened.

Israel state television reported progress in resuming the peace process, which has been stalled since early this month, and the newspaper "Yedioh Ahronot" said talks would start again in Washington next month.

But the newspaper "Mauriv" said the gap between Israel (Continued on back page)

## Carter expects early SALT, M.E. accords

PLAINS, Georgia Dec. 25 (Agencies) — President Carter Monday made a prediction of an early peace treaty in the Middle East and an arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union.

And, he said, he expects a summit meeting with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev soon, but not in January.

The president said he and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance are not discouraged about the differences holding up the SALT and Mideast agreements. "We've got peace on earth right now," he said. "We hope we can keep it that way."

Speaking to reporters after an early morning reunion with his family, the president said that the remaining issues of a comprehensive SALT agreement "have been narrowed considerably in the last week."

Vance returned Sunday night from three days of talks in Europe — first with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and then with Israel's Moshe Dayan and Egypt's Mustapha Khalil.

The president said Vance told him that negotiators for Israel and Egypt had "a good solid and constructive discussion."

And he added: "I think we will have a peace treaty for the Middle East and I think we will have a SALT agreement with the Soviets."

"It just takes time," he added. "The complexities of the issues are not easily resolved. But I still feel hopeful. And I and Secretary Vance both agree that we are not discouraged at all."

The president said that he and Vance feel the issues remaining in the SALT talks can be handled through normal diplomatic channels. "I think we have an excellent chance for a fairly early meeting between myself and Secretary Brezhnev," Carter said, adding: "My guess though that it will not be in January. We would be ready in January if the Soviets are."

Earlier Sunday Gromyko said "definite progress and advancement" was made in the Geneva talks with Vance.

Speaking on Soviet television after his return to Moscow, Gromyko said progress was made "on a series of questions... even on the majority of questions." But he said "several questions remain which demand additional work." He did not specify them.

He agreed in a televised airport interview with Vance's opinion that the remaining questions should be able to be resolved at a working level "without any sort of special meetings reaffirming their resolve to do whatever is necessary to bring us to an end of negotiations for an agreement," he said.

Gromyko said "we would like to believe" Americans will carry through with this resolve."

Gromyko's remarks did not include any reference to the possibility of a Carter-Brezhnev summit in the future.

### No casualties

## Gunfire in East Beirut draws artillery barrage

BEIRUT, Dec. 25 (R) — Syrian gunners Monday replied with a barrage of artillery shells to the traditional fusillade of automatic weapons fire which heralds Christmas day in east Beirut.

But the shelling, which lasted about an hour, was comparatively light by Beirut standards and there were no reports of casualties or serious damage.

Celebrating gunmen began firing into the air at midnight. About an hour later the Syrian gunners opened up on right-wing positions in the Badaro and Tahlwit districts.

Right-wing Phalangist leader Pierre Gemayel later criticised the use of gunfire to celebrate festive occasions.

"We have had enough of explosives and gunfire," he said in an interview quoted by the

Halablinist radio. He added it was a custom which did not reflect "civilized standards."

Syrian troops of the peace-keeping Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) and right-wing militias challenging the Syrian role in Lebanon have fought a series of savage battles this year which left hundreds of casualties and laid parts of Beirut's eastern half in ruins.

The latest major round of Syrian-rightist fighting ended on Oct. 7 with a ceasefire arranged by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and Syrian head of state Hafez Assad.

Since then, dozens of people have been killed or wounded in ceasefire violations.

But the redeployment of Saudi troops in some positions previously held by Syrians helped to ease tension.

Soldiers fired into the air to break up groups of protesters. But the level of demo-

## Shah reported ready to reduce his powers



EMBASSY ATTACK: Riots set car ablaze outside a site gate of the American embassy grounds in Tehran during an unsuccessful attempt to storm the building Monday. (Wire photo)

TEHRAN, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — The Shah has accepted "in principle" a new government arrangement that could sharply reduce his strong powers and eventually make him a figurehead, highly informed sources reported Monday.

The sources said agreement by the Shah to the new program would still fall short of demands by opposition leaders that the Shah step down. The plan would also leave him the technical right to rule by decree through his ministers, although he would no longer be empowered to nominate those ministers. That power would be held by parliament.

Yamani interview

## Kingdom to maintain oil production ceiling

NICOSIA, Dec. 25 (UPI) — Saudi Arabia is maintaining its 8.5-million barrels per day production ceiling for oil as an annual average for the year 1979, the "Middle East Economic Survey" Monday quoted Ahmad Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani as saying.

Yamani told "MEES" that the 8.5-million barrels per day production ceiling for the Arab American Oil Company (Aramco) was the result of an earlier decision by the Saudi government and would remain in force until a new decision was made.

"Also to be maintained for 1979 is the ceiling of 65 percent on exports of Arabian Light crude as a proportion of total liftings," MEES said.

The Saudi government intends to cut back the 65 percent ceiling on Arabian Light even further in future years in order to make the ratio between light and heavy crude exports more consistent with the pattern of reserves and production-export facilities but the publication said.

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

## Martial law may be declared in strife-torn Turkish area

ANKARA, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — Turkish government ministers held an emergency cabinet session Monday as the death toll from weekend rioting in the southeastern town of Maras rose to 93.

Premier Bulent Ecevit told reporters during a brief break in the meeting that no decision had yet been taken on whether martial law would be declared. He said the cabinet session would continue into the night.

Turkish radio said Maras was quiet Monday after one of the worst civil disturbances in Turkey this year.

Press reports said the disturbances, which began Saturday, continued Sunday as groups of armed rightists trying to march on government buildings clashed with troops.

Security forces made house-to-house searches in the town Monday. People who deserted their homes during the violence were given temporary accommodation in tents and military barracks.

Large groups of militant rightists rampaged through the town Saturday and Sunday, wrecking and burning the homes and business premises of leftists and members of a rival religious sect. The government rushed crack military troops to the town to quell the disturbances.

The semi-official Anatolia News Agency said at least 1,052 persons were hurt in the

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## Health Ministry bans smoking in hospitals

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi gave instruction Monday that smoking be banned in all hospitals, dispensaries, clinics, medical institutes, nursing schools and all health units in Saudi Arabia.

He urged the Health Education Administration to en-

**Japanese win desalt contract for new airport**

TOKYO, Dec. 25 (R) — Japan's Sumitomo Heavy Industries Limited has won an eight billion yen (\$41 million) order from Saudi Arabia for a desalination plant, it was announced here Monday.

The plant capable of making 35,000 tons of fresh water daily from sea water will be completed early in 1980 for the water supply to the new international airport in the north of Jeddah, which is under construction.

Meanwhile, Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal, who is lending support to a scheme to tow an Antarctic iceberg to the Red Sea, said that final studies will be ready by 1980, "Al-Bilad" reported Monday, quoting "Ad-Yaqnia" of Kuwait.

Prince Muhammad said that by 1982 icebergs should form an important source of drinking water in many parts of the world once the daunting practical problems involved in the scheme have been overcome.

force the campaign against smoking.

Similar instructions were given earlier by the Ministries of Higher Education and Education to all universities, institutes and schools.

The crackdown on smoking in Saudi Arabia comes on the heels of a draft resolution submitted by the Kingdom's delegation to the 31st session of the World Health Organization (WHO) last May. The resolution won a majority.

The draft was based on WHO statistics which indicated that out of 84,000 smokers who contracted lung cancer in 1971, 68,000 died.

The statistics also show that smokers are more vulnerable to heart disease and that women who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to give birth to children with mental or other deficiencies.

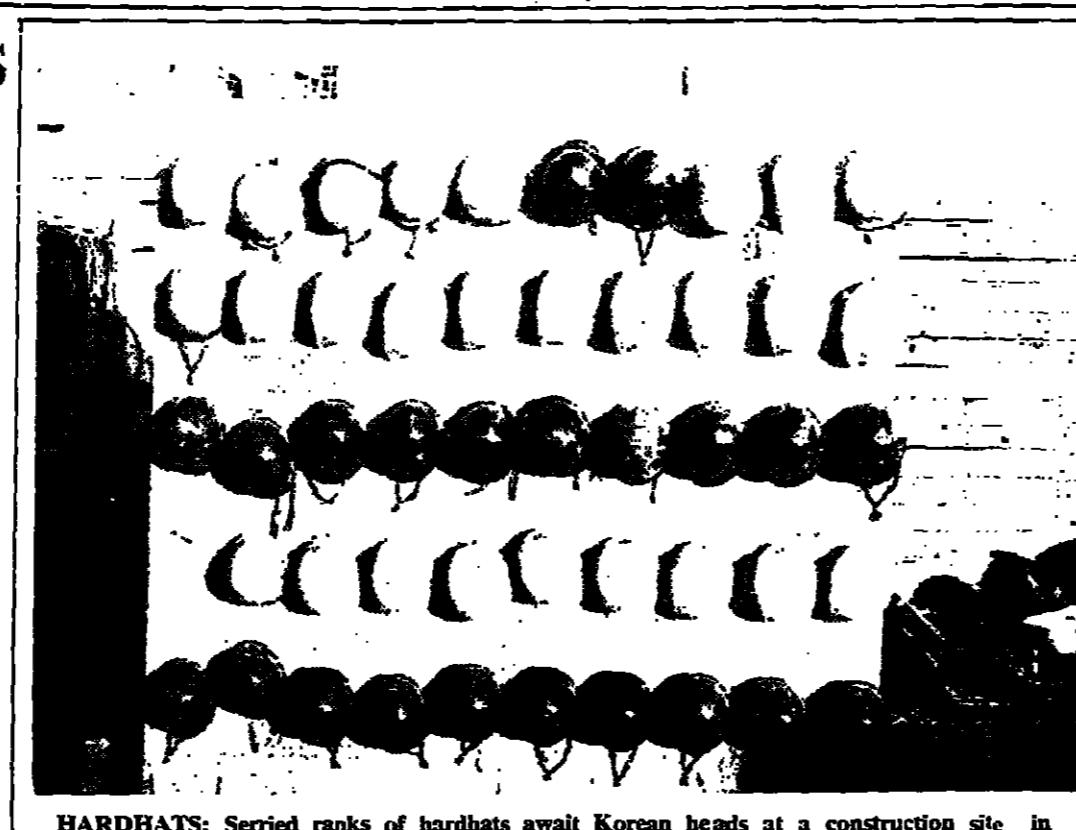
In Jeddah, King Abdul Aziz University announced it is preparing a syllabus for physical education Monday.

The university recently decided to open a department of physical education because of the number of requests for the course.

### Minister to chair railroad meeting

DAMMAM, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansour will preside over a meeting of the board of the Saudi Railroad Organization Wednesday.

According to the organization, the board will study the project for a new railroad between Dammam and Riyadh to supplement the 565-kilometer line built 30 years ago.



HARDHATS: Serried ranks of hardhats await Korean heads at a construction site in downtown Jeddah.

### SAFCO hits target

## Fertilizer plant accord to be signed soon

DAMMAM, Dec. 25 (SPA) — Republic of China Minister of Economy Chiang Kuang will arrive in the Kingdom at the beginning of January to ratify an agreement for Chinese collaboration in the establishment of a fertilizer

plant at Jubail. SPA has learned.

A letter of intent was signed recently for a plant at the industrial complex in Jubail, which will have a productive capacity of 500,000 tons.

Meanwhile, it was announced Monday that the Dammam plant of the Saudi Arabian Fertilizers Company this year met its target production of 250,000 metric tons of urea

based fertilizers for the first time.

SAFCO produced 250,331 metric tons of urea fertilizer during 1978, an official spokesman of the company said Monday.

He said that this was the first time the company had met its target for production since it began operations in 1971.

### Local Briefs

● RIYADH, (SPA) — Deputy Minister of the Interior Prince Ahmad has agreed that 50 secondary-school certificate holders should be sent to the United States to train on industrial security and preventive safety. The students will graduate as lieutenants after completing the three-year course.

● RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, the brother of King Hassan II of Morocco, arrived here from Medina Monday evening after a visit to the Holy Prophet's Mosque.

● MECCA, (SPA) — Dr. Farouk Hammada, professor at the College of Arabic in Marrakesh will deliver a lecture at the Literary Club here Wednesday. He will speak on Islam as a contribution to culture.

● RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Khaled ibn Fahd ibn Khaled, Deputy education minister for educational and administrative affairs, has asked the Directorates of Education in Abha,

Jizan and Qunuzah to provide an appropriate site for a literacy drive during the winter, rather than in summer. A successful experiment was made in Jizan last winter.

● DAMMAM, (SPA) — Dr. Said Abu Ghali, director general of education for the Eastern Province, presided over a meeting of 40 educational experts here Monday. The participants discussed an education orientation plan to assist schools and teachers in adopting appropriate education programs.

## 3rd World housing drive urged to head off disastrous shortage

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Dec. 25 — In the next 20 years, the world's housing shortage will reach disastrous proportions if developing countries do not launch a massive housing effort based on an integrated and appropriate systems, the recent housing conference in Dhahran recommended.

The five-day conference of specialists on Housing Problems in the Developing Countries, sponsored by the International Association of Housing Sciences ended at the University of Petroleum and Minerals Friday.

In recommendations released to "Arab News" Monday, the conference noted that during the next two decades man will need to construct more houses than all those built to date.

### Goals

If developing countries are to reach their housing goals, mass housing systems will be needed — entailing greater innovation in housing design and building techniques and greater standardization in Third World construction industries.

At the same time, the conference proposed that planners should ensure that local and traditional concepts of housing and living are considered along with modern technology since inappropriate housing is self-defeating.

Planners should also be aware of traditional or non-conventional sources of energy for the manufacture of housing materials, for construction and for heating or cooling in order to slow down consumption of such depletable energy sources as oil or gas.

Developing countries themselves, among which Saudi Arabia counts itself, should also make every effort to use indigenous labor and material.

With an eye to the Kingdom's own experience, the conference also recommended that developing countries encourage aided self-help housing programs for their general populations or at least ensure they have access to suitable housing finance — on the pattern of the Saudi Real Estate Development Fund.

Loans given by the Saudi

Fund have contributed to the construction of 124,000 housing units since 1975, REDF Director General Dr. Ibrahim Al-Muneef said Sunday.

Investment loans have added a further 11,000 housing units so that in effect, the fund has provided accommodation for about one million persons, he said. Muneef, was one of the keynote speakers at the Dhahran conference.

The Eastern Province branch alone disbursed 11,256 loans worth SR 33.76 billion, Rashid Al-Mawash, director of the branch said Monday.

The fund eventually intends to concentrate on financing large-scale housing and won development schemes.

### Khaled sees ulama

RIYADH, Dec. 25 (SPA) — King Khaled received the ulama and sheikhs as is customary every Monday.

Loans given by the Saudi



AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE: King Abdul Aziz set aside this house on Jeddah's Corniche for the first American ambassador to his Kingdom, William A. Eddy, who served in Jeddah from 1944 to 1946. Eddy was the interpreter at the first meeting of an American president and a Saudi leader. When Franklin Roosevelt met King Abdul Aziz on his way back from the Yalta conference on Feb. 14, 1945, the USS Murphy sailed into Jeddah in great secret and took the King to the meeting on the Bitter Lakes.

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## Arafat message asks support for Palestinian cause

DAMASCUS, Dec. 25 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat appealed to the Christian world in a Christmas Day message Monday to "support the struggle of the people of Palestine for their legitimate rights."

"The Zionist fascists who are occupying our land have no regard for human values," Arafat added in his message which was broadcast by the

state-run Damascus Radio. Earlier the official PLO spokesman Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizer denied a report by Egyptian Foreign Minister Butros Ghali that there were contacts between Egypt and the PLO about the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

"The PLO completely rejects any contact with Egypt just as it rejects the Camp David agreements," Abu Maizer said.

### 5,000-year-old trade routes

## Nuclear reactor tells secrets of Persia

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (AP) — A Washington-area chemist is using a nuclear reactor and pieces of glass and clay in an effort to unlock the 5,000-year-old trading secrets of southern Persia.

Dr. James Blackman of suburban Gaithersburg, Maryland, is making the attempt with ancient artifacts from the Middle East and the nuclear reactor at the National Bureau of Standards.

"Much of the work right now is still pretty tentative," Blackman said, but his studies of obsidian—volcanic glass—from Tale-Malyan and Tepe Yahya in southern Iran confirm findings by others that the material originated in central Turkey and Soviet Armenia.

In addition to obsidian, Blackman is analyzing samples of clay seals from the sites in hopes of learning where the clay originated.

"Clay and ceramics are not as easy to track down," he explained. "We know most of the sources of obsidian, while clays are relatively abundant everywhere and require more samples to get statistically valid information."

### Sadat goes home again to mark 60th birthday

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (Agencies) — President Sadat Monday celebrated his 60th birthday at his Nile Delta village of Mit Abu Kom by laying the foundation stone for projects of developing the village.

Sadat has donated the earnings of his book "In Search of Identity," which amounted to \$1 million, and his share in the Nobel Peace Prize, about \$70,000, to finance the projects.

"Build, build, build. Sadat, we are with you all the way," cheered the crowds of men, women and school children as he laid the foundation stone for a 250-acre model farm.



Yasser Arafat

## Dacca rulers woo rivals before vote

DACCA, Bangladesh Dec. 25 (AP) — The government has suspended martial law and promised to release all political prisoners in an effort to prevent opposition parties from boycotting the Jan. 27 parliamentary elections.

The government also said Sunday it would extend the deadline for candidate registration three days to Dec. 30 and ease censorship that accompanied the martial law decree in 1975.

### No Details

There was no word on how many prisoners are being held or on when they would be released. The announcement followed apparently successful government efforts to persuade 15 opposition parties to participate in the elections. Opposition party leaders were scheduled to discuss the government decision Monday.

The opposition parties had threatened to boycott the elections unless several demands were met, including an end to martial law and release of prisoners.

Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, has been beset by coups since it became independent in 1971, and has had seven presidents since then.

### Civilian Rule

President Zia ur Rahman, who became chief martial law administrator in 1976 and president on April 21, 1977, has said he wants to return civilian government to the nation of 79 million located east of India.

His original schedule had called for elections this month. Political activity was banned following the 1975 coup, but under Rahman's administration, the government has been licensing parties.



**KAHRAMANMARAS:** Armed mobs went on the rampage for two days of sectarian fighting in this southeastern Turkish town. (See story page one.)

## Rebels in Eritrea claim to capture 73 Ethiopians

PARIS, Dec. 25 (AP) — The Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front (EPLF) claimed Monday its forces attacked 11 Ethiopian army camps, killing "hundreds of Ethiopian soldiers" and taking 73 prisoners.

An EPLF communiqué issued here said the attack took place Thursday between Nefasit and Ginda, on the Asmara-Massawa road. It claimed the Eritrean guerrillas captured 150 Soviet-made Kalashnikov submachine guns and other arms.

The EPLF, the largest of the three major Eritrean resistance groups, was three weeks ago forced to withdraw from the northern town of Keren.

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## The Middle East

### Egypt aide, Soviet envoy view ties

CAIRO, Dec. (R) — Acting Foreign Minister Boutros Ghali has conferred with the Soviet ambassador to Egypt. Foreign ministry officials said the talks dealt with bilateral relations. They declined to elaborate.

### S. Yemen delegation in China

HONG KONG, Dec. 25 (R) — Vice-Chairman of the Chinese National People's Congress Tan Chen-jin received a press delegation from the Yemen Arab Republic in Peking Monday. The Yemeni delegation was led by Vice Minister of Information and Culture Hassan Al-Laziz. The New China News Agency said the Chinese leader acquainted his guests about Chinese views on international issues and answered questions. Also present were the deputy editor-in-chief of the "People's Daily" Chin Huan and the Yemeni Ambassador Abdu Othman Muhammad, NCNA added.

### Chinese in Oman to set up embassy

MUSCAT, Dec. 25 (R) — A group of Chinese diplomats have arrived to set up an embassy in Muscat, Radio Oman reported Monday. Oman and the People's Republic of China agreed in May to establish diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level.

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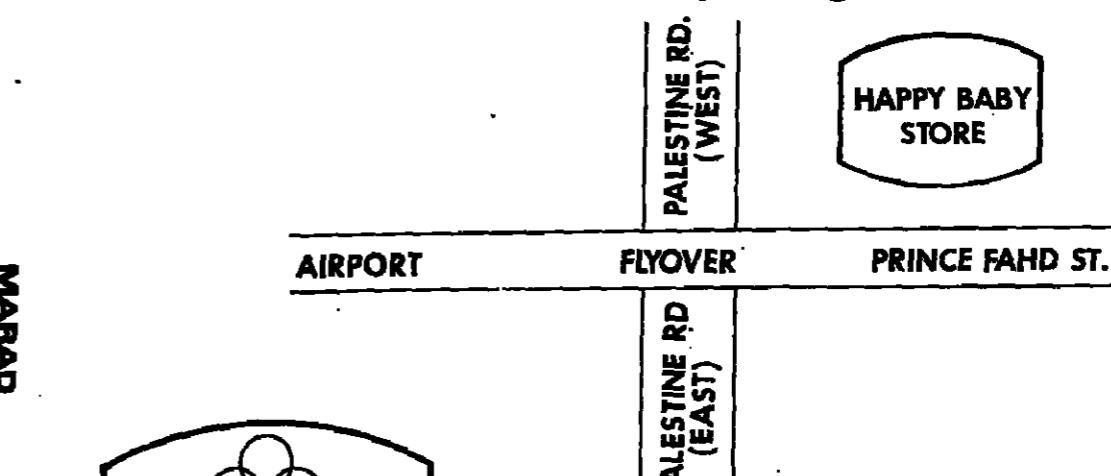
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## **Oil fire wreaks havoc in Louisiana**

SCOTLANDVILLE, La. Dec. 25 (UPI) — Firefighters Monday gave up their hopes of extinguishing the fire in a crude oil storage tank and said the blaze probably would turn itself out by the middle of the week without causing further damage.

An estimated 2,000 persons were evacuated from their homes Christmas Eve after the fire — which started before dawn Sunday and seemed to be contained by evening — escalated and spewed oil and flames hundreds of feet into the air. The residents were allowed to return Monday morning.

C.W. Tullis of Exxon USA, said no further efforts would be made to extinguish the blaze, which sent flames 200 feet into the sky.

He said water to fight the blaze was unavailable in the remote area of the Mississippi

River and since the flaming 3.3 million-gallon tank posed no danger to homes or other tanks, authorities would just let it fizzle out slowly. "I would think it would probably burn today; tomorrow and the next day," Tullis said. "It will probably take about three more days. But there's nothing to be done."

About 150 firemen called to the scene after the fire erupted anew Sunday were sent home. Only one security guard and a lone operator for a fire truck remained. The fire truck was sent by a company which did not own the tank but participated in a mutual aid agreement among chemical plants and refineries along the Mississippi.

The fire destroyed three rural homes near the burning tank and caused four minor injuries.

Several surrounding tanks

that might have been threatened were drained into barges so the fire could not spread to them.

Walter Harwell, an official of Delta Refining, said crude oil was being pumped into the 80,000-barrel tank through a pipeline from Liberty, Mississippi, the tank inexplicably

overfilled and crude oil began spilling onto the ground nearby.

At the same time a house 90 meters from the tank caught fire, Harwell said. He said the flames from the house fire ignited the crude oil spill, traveled back along the standing oil and touched off the tank.

## **Revolutionary device may benefit diabetics**

ROCHESTER, Minn. Dec. 25 (AP) — The Mayo Clinic says it is trying to develop a portable device that would automatically regulate blood sugar levels in diabetics, eliminating their need for daily injections of insulin.

Dr. John Service, head of the research project, said testing of a prototype of the device on volunteers could start as early as the spring of 1980.

"If successful, the new device should eliminate the need for and inconvenience of daily injections of insulin and give diabetics better control of their disorder than was ever possible before," he said. "The hope is that it may also lead to prevention of many of the serious complications of diabetes."

A prototype is being built for testing on lab animals this winter in a study to determine the best way of injecting insulin into the body. The battery-powered device will be

made to clinic specifications by Life Science Instruments of Elkhart, Indiana, a division of Miles Laboratories.

Mayo investigators said self-injection is imprecise and leaves the diabetics' blood sugar level sometimes higher and sometimes lower than normal. Rarely is it just right, they said.

Service, a specialist in endocrinology, said the goal is to design and develop a lightweight portable pump that will automatically administer precise doses of insulin, keeping blood sugar at or near normal levels.

The device will use a tiny computer hooked to a small pump to monitor and continuously control the rate of insulin delivery. It will have programmed into it a number of predetermined insulin delivery rates. The rates will correspond to the amount of carbohydrates contained in a meal.

## **Former Cuban detainees fly to Venezuelan exile**

HAVANA, Dec. 25 (R) — A number of former political prisoners and their families have left Cuba to start new lives in Venezuela as special Christmas flights organized by the Venezuela government got under way.

They were the first ex-prisoners of the 1,500 whom Venezuela has said it will accept.

The Cuban government said last month that all former political prisoners, who number about 14,000, could leave the country if they wished. It also agreed to free more than 3,000 such prisoners still in jail.

The first 23 ex-prisoners and their 48 relatives left in a Venezuelan DC-9 Air Force plane.

The plane will make further journeys on Monday and Tuesday, when it is expected to carry about another 40 prisoners and some 80 relatives.

Cuba has promised to free a total of 3,000 prisoners jailed for crimes against the state. It said it would do this at a rate of 400 per month.

The United States has promised to accept all of those prisoners who wish to go there.

But Washington has not yet announced its administrative procedures for admitting the prisoners and none is expected to leave before January.

About 125 in the first group of 400 have so far opted to go to the U.S., the sources said.

The releases followed a Dec. 9 signing of an agreement, at an unprecedented meeting between President Fidel Castro and 112 Cuban exiles, to release the political prisoners.

The United States has said it will take all those actually released from jail, but Washington has made no commitment to those former prisoners now allowed to leave Cuba.

The agreement itself provided for the freedom of all but 500 political prisoners in Cuban jails, reunification of families both in Cuba and abroad and a more liberal policy on visits to the island.

Castro has adopted a beligerent attitude to the United States over the releases. After the agreement he said the United States was "recalcitrant" and "making it difficult" for former prisoners to travel to America.

He said many of those prisoners were jailed because they took part in missions against his government, and therefore that the United States "has as much responsibility with those who have been released as it has with those who are still in prison."

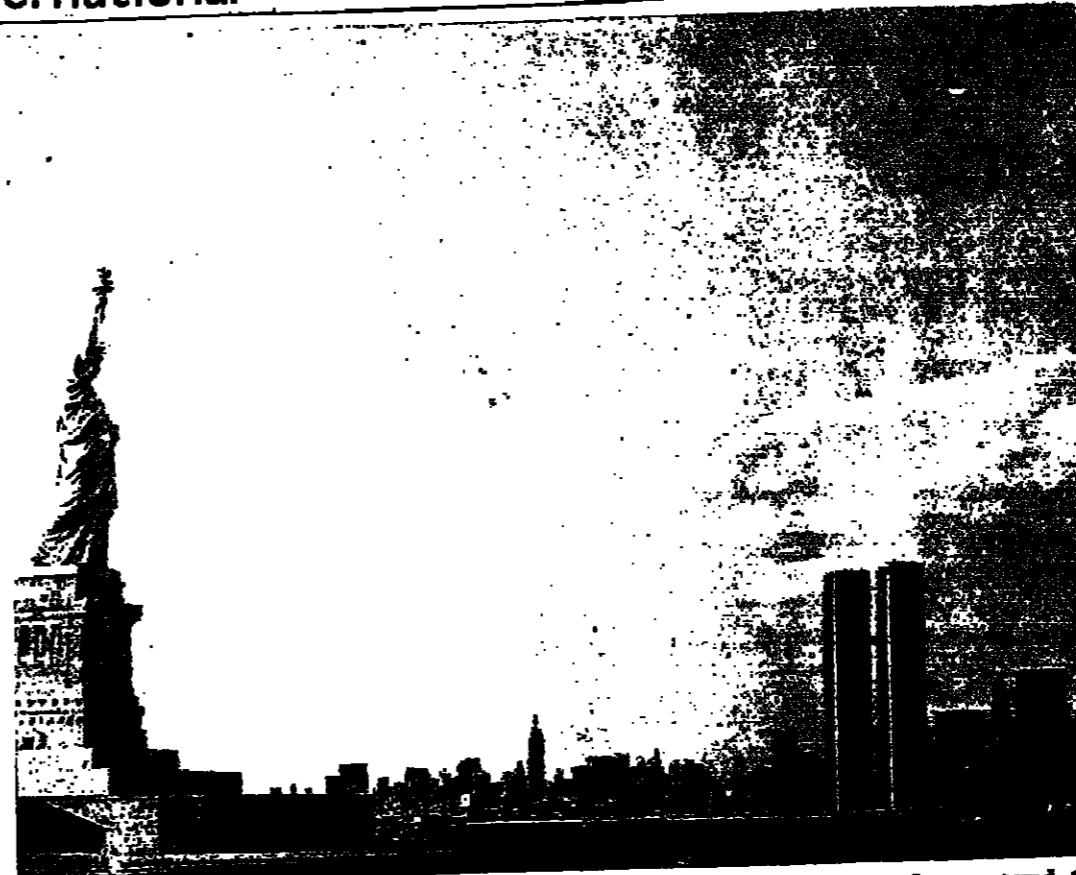
There has been some domestic controversy in the United States over the question of screening the prisoners who are to enter. Attorney-General Griffin Bell has promised stringent screening to weed out all but the genuine, a move criticized as unduly inhumane toward those waiting in line.

## **Rhodesia guerrillas kill 4 white family members**

SALISBURY, Dec. 25 (R) — Black Rhodesian guerrillas have killed four members of a white farming family while they watched films with their workers, military headquarters announced.

A 13-year-old white boy was missing and believed kidnapped during the raid at Shavaya, about 700 km northeast of Salisbury Saturday.

The army said the guerrillas killed John Bennett, 60, and his wife, Molly, 62, together with their grandson Nicholas,



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## **Tourism stampede**

## **Manhattan makes a comeback**

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP) — New York's crime and grime are no longer frightening away tourists, who are rediscovering the lights of Broadway and other attractions in numbers surpassing 17 million by year's end, an elated New York City convention and visitors bureau has reported.

Charles Gillett, bureau president, attributed the boom to the city's theaters, some 30 Broadway shows, museums and restaurants.

He said people view the city with a slightly different eye than years ago when they thought it somewhat fashionable to attribute all the ills of urban society to New York. Now they realize other cities have the same problems in the same scope...

The predicted figures, if met, will tally about 230,000 more visitors than last year and more than a few of them

apparently aren't afraid to spend their money.

Gillett said by year's end, tourism in the city will have accounted for more than \$1.8 billion. Last year, visitors spent \$1.6 billion.

"That's just in direct expenditures," he said. "That dollar turns over three times so the value of tourism to the city would be over \$5 billion. It's reported.

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## New Pearl Harbor?

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES — "Remember Pearl Harbor!" ran the caption to a recent newspaper cartoon depicting a Japanese bomber raining television sets, cars and various electrical appliances on California soil.

"We do sometimes feel," sighed a Los Angeles businessman, as the dollar dropped another two yen on Tokyo exchanges, "that we're facing an economic Pearl Harbor here."

The impact of the Japanese invasion is being felt in every corner of the American West today. From mineral and timber-rich Alaska to the orange groves and office towers of San Diego, near the Mexican border, Japan is carving out a vast business empire.

In 1977, Japanese investment in the U.S. was estimated at \$25 billion, with more than a third of that in the five Pacific states — California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska. Together they ran up a trade deficit with Japan of \$3.6 billion — double the 1976 figure. And the 1978 deficit is expected to be higher.

Through West Coast ports flowed nearly one-half of Japan's \$30 billion trade with the U.S. Five out of every 10 Western families watch TV sets marked "made in Japan". One-fourth of all cars on Californian roads are Japanese. In southern California alone nearly 500 Japanese firms — Datsun, Toyota, Sony and Seiko, the YUKI Zipper Co. — have offices of factories, employing some 150,000 Californians and around 10,000 Japanese nationals.

How do the men running California regard the Japanese connection? Until his landslide re-election victory last month, 40-year-old Governor Jerry Brown was enthusiastic. He flew in person to Tokyo to invite corporations there to

## Conservative coalition

By Elizabeth Wehr

WASHINGTON —

Despite the widely publicized nationwide trend to the right, the conservative congressional coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats lost strength in 1978. A Congressional Quarterly vote study has found.

The conservative voting alliance showed up in fewer congressional roll call votes in 1978 than in 1977. And the coalition won fewer times when it did form.

Its major loss was on the Panama Canal treaties, although that did not fully explain its lower success rate.

But any conclusion that this decline meant a weakening of the national trend to the right was undercut by the fact that several leading liberal opponents of the coalition lost their reelection bids.

The coalition, as used by CQ in analyzing congressional votes, means a voting alliance of a majority of Republicans and southern Democrats against a majority of northern Democrats.

In 1978, the coalition was successful on only 52 per cent of the votes on which it opposed a majority of northern Democrats — a 16 percentage point drop from 1977. And it formed on only 21 per cent of the recorded votes, a five percentage point dropoff from

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## Unanimous-- at gunpoint

By Neal Ascherson

WINDHOEK —

Dirk Mudge and his Democratic Turnhalle Alliance have captured 82 per cent of the vote and 41 of the 50 seats in the elections for constituent assembly in Namibia. To all appearances, Mudge and his alliance of parties of different races represent the popular will, and are entitled to claim a complete triumph.

To all appearances... But the outside world and the United Nations would be making a grave mistake if they took this result on its face value. After a moment's amazement at the result on its face value, After from it all kinds of doubts — doubts about the support Mudge has in the white electorate, doubts about the prospect of fresh elections next year under U.N. supervision.

Partisan war is smouldering away in Ovamboland, the northern region up against the Angolan border where nearly half the population lives. Travelling around Ovamboland last week, I found the war far more extensive than reports filtering to the south suggest.

Every night, shots could be heard in the distance. Every morning brought new reports of death and injury as army vehicles, civilian trucks and buses ran over land mines planted in the red dirt roads overnight by SWAPO guerrillas crossing from Angola. South African Mirage fighters thunder over the countryside only feet above the palm trees.

And the region is swarming with South African troops and police, manning road-blocks, patrolling and searching the villages, escorting convoys with light-armed vehicles.

The South African commander, Gen. Jannie Geldenhuys, told the press in Windhoek that the U.N. had withdrawn South Africa's right to administer the territory. But there are other, more practical reasons for handling this result with scepticism.

The first is that a large block

of political opinion boycotted the elections.

SWAPO, the main black nationalist movement, the Namibian National Front (a coalition of other radical black and white groups) and the SWAPO Democrats (a splinter group from SWAPO led by Andreas Shipanga) all denounced the elections and stood aside.

But they still enjoy very large, possibly majority, support in the country.

According to the figures, Ovamboland registered a massive pro-Turnhalle vote. But how free was that vote? Everywhere I was told of how reluctant villagers were "encouraged" to go to the polls, often visited by army or police units and invited to climb into lorries bound for the polling stations.

When they got there, there were more white troops and a Turnhalle agent outside the polling tent who told them how to vote. In at least some cases, voters were told to mark their papers for them — the cross against Turnhalle, naturally.

The government-controlled Radio Ovambo warned that "steps may be taken" if people did not vote. Sure enough, two days after the elections, Father Lazarus of the Anglican Mission at Odibo was stopped by South African police and asked if he had voted.

When he said he had not, his minibus and its passengers — delegates to the Anglican Synod — were held overnight and searched.

I did not meet one single Ovambo, educated or illiterate, who did not feel that the elections had been conducted under unfair pressure and had little to do with a genuine expression of opinion. — (OFNS)

## saudi press review

"Al-Medina" said the United States should deal more seriously with Israeli plans to build new settlements in occupied Arab lands.

"This is particularly needed in view of the Israeli intention to build a large number of new settlements and pour in thousands of new Israelis and emigrants into them."

The paper said the issue of Jewish settlements "is indicative of the Israeli determination to continue occupation of Arab lands and to change the demographic character of the region. The American policy should aim at putting an end to these settlements which the U.S. has already termed illegal and an obstacle to peace."

The paper also urged the European community to do all it can towards putting an end to these settlements "if it really

seeks a just and durable solution for the Middle East problem."

In another commentary "Al-Medina" said the Soviet Union "prefers enhancing its national interests to preserving ideological affinity with others."

Citing Soviet-Syrian relations after Syria's request for more sophisticated arms to match those given to the Israelis by the United States, the paper said "Syria was disappointed with the Soviet reaction to its request, because the Soviets refused to supply modern weapons system and demanded many times the original prices and in cash."

The paper came out with two conclusions:

"The Soviet Union has no wish to see Israel eliminated because that would not serve its interests in the region and to protect its own interests. Is-

## Vance returns empty handed

By Robert Cullen

WASHINGTON —

There is no cheer in the news brought back by U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance from his five-day trip to Geneva and Brussels.

Vance had two objectives. He wanted to conclude negotiations for a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty with the Soviet Union, and wanted to arrange a new round of Israeli-Egyptian peace talks.

He got neither. The SALT II treaty slipped away Saturday morning. His three-hour meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil ended with only a statement that they would keep in touch about the possibilities for resuming negotiations.

Vance is not speaking about the last minute issues which arose to derail the SALT II agreement. Nor will he speak about why there will not be an Egyptian-Israeli meeting at any definite future time.

In both cases, according to U.S. officials, the problem goes beyond the actual issues in the balance. It centers on whether the countries involved have the political will to con-

clude the agreements.

Moreover, in the SALT situation, some ranking American officials have raised privately the possibility that the Soviets are concerned over the emerging U.S. diplomatic relationship with China.

The official acknowledged that the administration is caught in a dilemma: It insists it will not be pressured into an unwise agreement, but it acknowledges that the sooner the treaty is sent to Congress, the better its chances.

In the Middle East, the issues and countries are different, but some of the problems are similar. As Israel and Egypt drew close to and then backed away from an agreement, one fact became apparent.

For Egypt, it was obvious that signing the treaty would isolate it from the Arab world. President Anwar Sadat saw that when even conservative Arabs stood fast with the radical Arab states at their Baghdad conference in early November, Egypt responded by toughening its demands for a link between the treaty and progress on the West Bank and Gaza Strip settlement outlined at Camp David.

## The U.S., Mexico and energy

By J. P. Smith

WASHINGTON —

A National Security Council draft study describes Mexico as "the most promising new source" of oil in the 1980s and suggests the president consider a serious upgrading in that country's priority among U.S. foreign policy interests.

The memorandum, designated as presidential review memorandum (PRM) 41, says the United States could view Mexico as a world-wide partner and accord it significant concessions on winter export of farm products as well as quotas for legal immigration of workers to the United States. A copy of the draft was obtained recently by the "Washington Post."

Yet another option outlined in the draft would be for Washington to maintain its traditional view of Mexico as an "emerging power" in the Third World.

Two weeks ago, President Carter said PRM-41 could serve as the basis for his impending negotiations in February in Mexico City with President Jose Lopez Portillo.

"For the United States, Mexico represents a major new energy source, presently outside OPEC. Mexico could fill 30 per cent of U.S. import needs by the mid-1980s, thus enhancing security of supply, and more than compensating for the decline of Venezuelan and Canadian supplies," the draft study asserts.

More important, however, the outcome of PRM-41 (as the classified study is known within the foreign policy bureaucracy) could shape a new generation of U.S.-Mexican relations.

A draft of the Mexico PRM sets forth these possible results that could come from a redirection of Washington's policy toward Mexico:

—It could provide an alternative to increased dependence on Arab oil, and access to some of what the CIA estimates could be as much as 10 million barrels of Mexican oil production a day by 1990.

—It could result in a sancti-

cation territorial battles that mark any potential major foreign policy switch.

And within the State Department, there have been cordial yet discrete competition between Latin American policy-makers who favor an open-handed approach toward Mexico, and the State Department's energy experts who favored a hard-nosed posture until recently on energy negotiations with Mexico.

The Labor and Justice Departments, which have an institutional interest in stemming the flow of Mexican illegal aliens into the U.S. labor market, were briefly at odds with a State Department favored proposal for an official U.S. program to allow Mexicans to immigrate to the United States.

While the details have yet to be worked out the outlines of the administration's options were agreed upon at a recent cabinet-level meeting held in the Situation Room in the basement of the White House's West Wing.

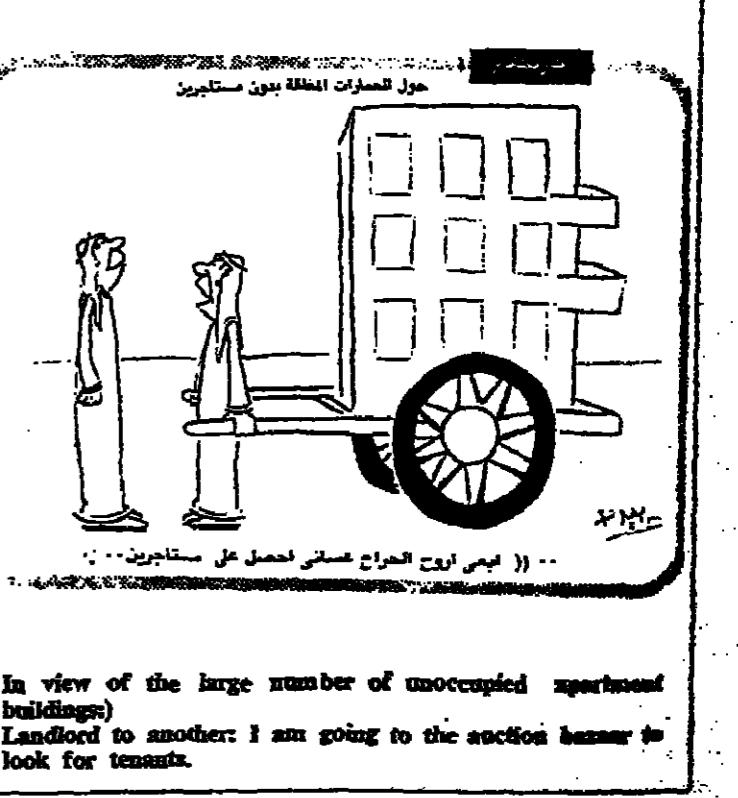
The PRM begins with a statement that Mexico is emerging as "an economic power of strategic value to the United States," adding that Mexico clearly could produce as much oil as Saudi Arabia, the world's leading exporter, does today.

Washington observers are long accustomed to Carter's effusive goodwill and praise about any country or head of state. What is different about Mexico, however, is that senior administration officials say in private that by all indications Carter attaches a high priority to Mexico's emerging oil prowess and to turning around the suspicions and ill will that have marked relations between the two countries over the last 40 years. (Carter, one also is reminded, has been taking private Spanish lessons since moving into the White House.)

Elsewhere in the administration, the Mexico PRM has been the focus of cabinet-level haggling, and the bureau-

—(WP)

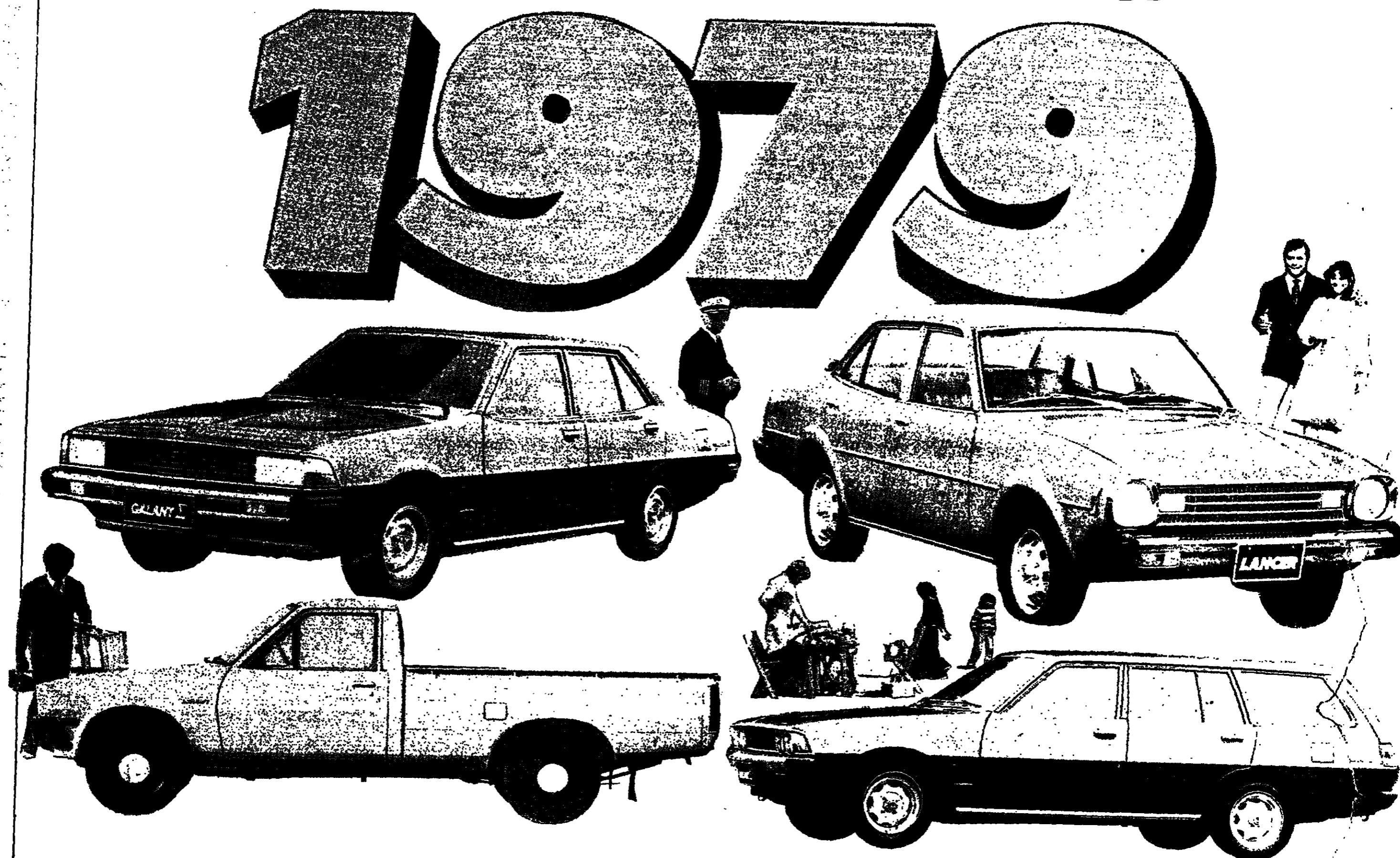
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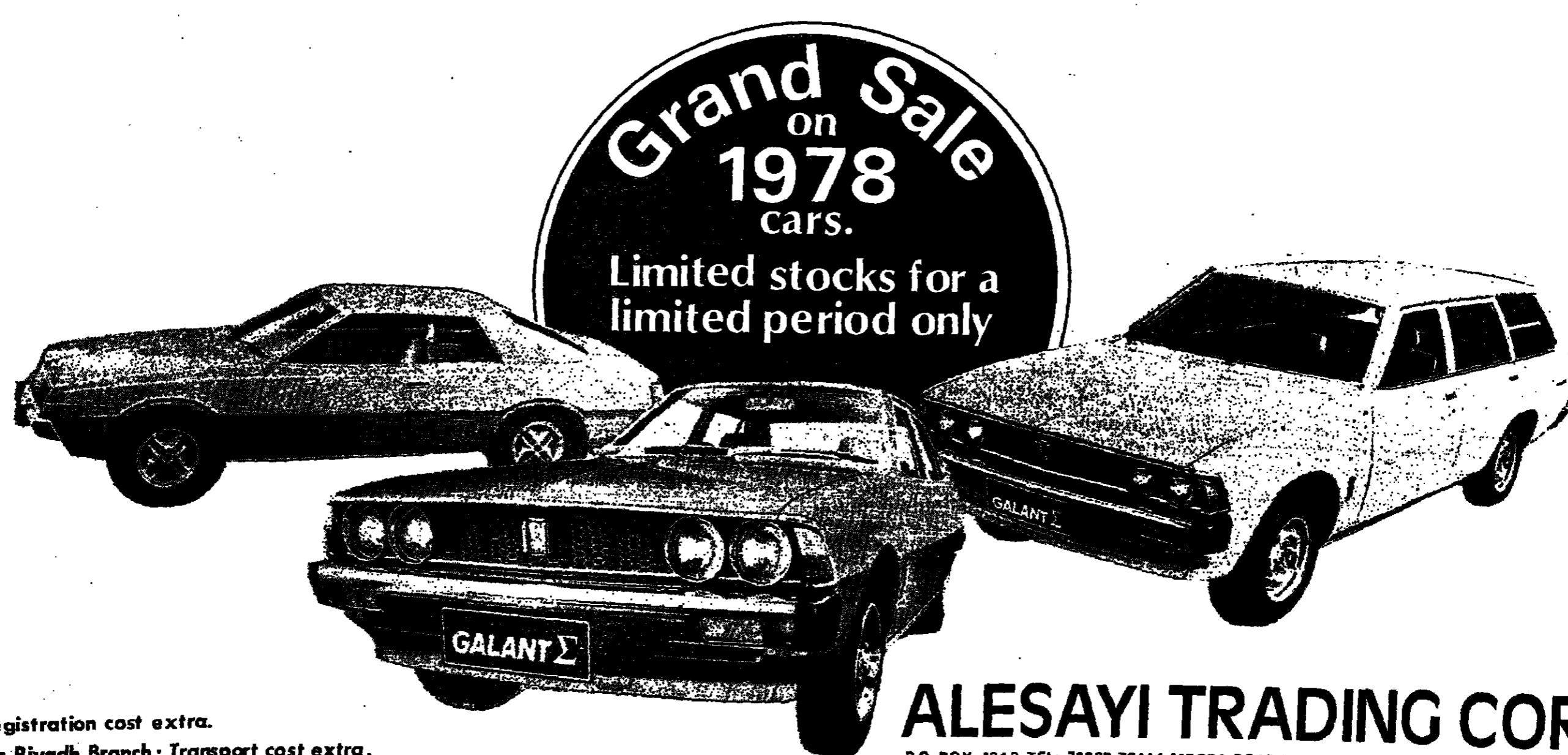
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# 1978: A year of major political, social developments

By Bill Hartley

LONDON. — This was the year that President Carter made his mark — quietly but firmly — on the international scene despite failures in the United States and frustrations abroad.

The president etched his name and presence in China, the world's most populous nation, and the strife-torn Middle East.

He lit up the record of his first term in office with the long-awaited decision to establish full diplomatic relations with China by unlocking the door to the possibility of bringing to an end bitter antagonism and bloody war between Israel and Egypt.

His failures — notably inability to control inflation and tilt the slide of the American dollar — will continue to reverberate well into the coming year.

It was a year of killing and strife, throwing into sharp relief the entire gamut of human capability from breakthroughs in space to the ultimate degradation of mass suicide back on earth.

The birth of the first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, in England stood in stark contrast to the carnage in a jungle settlement in Guyana where more than 900 Americans — black and white members of a fringe pseudo-religious commune — obeyed the order of a preacher-politician, Jim Jones, to die by gulping down a cyanide-laced soft drink. The few who refused to obey were shot to death.

Violence cast its shadows and sorrows around the world.

In Southeast Asia, on which

peace at last seemed about to settle, conflict escalated and refugees swarmed into the conscience of the world.

In Iran and Nicaragua bitter internal conflict erupted shaking and shocking the rulers.

And in longtime trouble spots — Lebanon, Southern Africa and Northern Ireland — guns, bullets and bombs continued to take their deadly toll of lives and property.

**Carter's Record**

The year began badly for President Carter, whose low-key approach and insistence on lengthy deliberation left him open to continuous challenges from the U.S. Congress.

The turning point came on April 18. Against powerful and emotional opposition, the president persuaded the Senate to support a treaty that will hand over control of the Panama Canal to Panama by the year 2000. The U.S. has controlled the waterway since 1903.

On May 15, he again imposed his policy on Congress when, despite strong Jewish opposition, the Senate voted for a \$4.8 billion package linking the supply of warplanes to Israel to similar sales to Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

In the summer, both the House and the Senate, including the powerful Greek lobby, removed the U.S. arms embargo on Turkey. The bill, imposed because the Turks used American weapons in their 1974 invasion of Cyprus, reflected an improved, though still highly volatile, state of relations between the two countries.

The president's biggest breakthrough, however, came on Sept. 6 when he began 13 days of intensive talks with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin at his Camp David retreat in an attempt to end more than 30 years of Middle East conflict.

The three leaders produced two draft agreements which, they said, would set a framework for peace between Egypt and Israel.

The first provided for a withdrawal of Israeli forces from Sinai and the establishment of normal relations between the two countries.

The second proposed a five-year transitional period during which an autonomous authority would be elected in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Most of the Arab world immediately rejected the Camp David accord. But, in Israel and Egypt, there was rejoicing when their two leaders, both of whom shared the 1978 Nobel Peace Prize, undertook to sign a peace treaty within three months.

The euphoria died when the Dec. 17 target date passed without a treaty signing. Although the Americans claimed 99 per cent of the treaty articles had been agreed there was deadlock between Tel Aviv and Cairo over the setting of a precise date for West Bank elections in 1979, exchange of ambassadors and other points of interpretation.

**Syria, Iraq, Closer**

Meanwhile, among the die-hard opponents of Camp David, Syria and Iraq ended more than a decade of bitter hostility by signing a national charter for joint action. It provided for a defense treaty designed to confront Israel with combined military forces totaling almost half-a-million men.

This led to an Arab summit conference in Baghdad a week later which resolved to establish a multi-million dollar fund for a military buildup and to break ties with Egypt once it signed a peace treaty with Israel.

As negotiations between Washington and Tel Aviv and Cairo dragged on turmoil swept other countries in the cockpit region of the Middle East.

**Strife in Lebanon**

In Lebanon, racked by internal strife for 3½ years, rightists and leftists tore savagely at each other. The deadly dispute, which has wrecked the economy, killed and wounded thousands and spread destruction across a land once regarded

as a lively playground, seemed as insoluble as it did a year ago.

**Changes in Yemen**

The violent deaths of two Yemeni presidents — Ahmad Husain al-Ghashmi and Salem Robaya Ali — within 48 hours in June raised fears of a border war and the prospect of increased Soviet influence and presence at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

And the shadow of Moscow loomed darker over the northern border of the peninsula with the eruption of mass demonstrations, riots and strikes in Iran demanding the Shah's abdication.

The Shah, a close friend of the West, held on but even his admission of government errors and promises of free elections failed to still the clamor for the end to the Iranian monarchy.

**Diplomatic Coup**

The year's diplomatic coup came a few days before the end of the year with the joint announcement by President Carter in Washington and Chairman Hua Kuo-feng in Peking that the United States and China would establish full diplomatic relations on Jan. 1.

It touched off anger in Taiwan, angry criticism from right-wing Republicans in the U.S. and deep concern in Moscow.

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backed by the Chinese, stopping only 35 miles from the capital, Phnom Penh, before later withdrawing.

Five months later, in June, Peking announced it was ending economic aid to Hanoi, underlining the seriousness of the split between Asia's two biggest Communist nations.

In May there was a mass exodus of ethnic Chinese from Vietnam into China after Hanoi announced a tough campaign against black marketeering and hoarding resulting in angry charges by China and Vietnam. In August after hundreds of stranded ethnic Chinese stampeded into China Vietnamese troops were reported to have crossed the border and a month later Peking broke off talks with Hanoi on the issue.

Thousands of ethnic Chinese — pawns in the political power game — took to boats to flee Vietnam across the South China Sea to Malaysia already choked by earlier refugee waves.

**Boat People**

International consciences stirred uneasily at the plight of the "boat people" and their human tragedy highlighted in November when 200 drowned in heavy seas off the Malaysian coast.

Malaysia refused them sanctuary either on land or in its waters. Some countries agreed to take limited quotas but for thousands of "boat people" there was no haven and little hope for the future.

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kept them out of the campaign. But by the end of the year, a billion dollars worth of Soviet jets, tanks and artillery had driven the Eritrean rebels out of the main towns and back to their bases in the mountainous hinterland.

In late October, Ugandan President Idi Amin launched an incursion into northwestern Tanzania, which Amin declared annexed by Uganda.

After two weeks Amin withdrew his army but by year-end Tanzania was still on a war footing.

The region's problems were eased by relatively high world prices for its major export, coffee. But these had slipped long way from the heights of last year and the whole region was threatened by a plague of locusts.

# A year of confounded critics, middle-aged heroes and comeback miracles

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 (AP) — If 1977 was the year of young youth—Steve Cauthen, Tracy Austin, John McEnroe and the like — its successor, was the year of the "over the hill gang" and comeback miracles.

In the year's biggest sports spectacle, the World Cup, it was the old story: the home team won. Argentina, getting two goals from Mario Kempes in an overtime thriller, beat the Netherlands 3-1 to sweep the prize.

Elsewhere in the sports world, age became a negligible factor in the mark of greatness. The odds seemed insurmountable. The dead came alive.

Muhammad Ali was 36—"a battle weary old man" as the critics insisted — went and hammered out a 15-round decision over Leon Spinks, his conqueror seven months earlier, and became the first man in history to win boxing's heavyweight title three times.



SLEEPING GIANT: Ali, 36, with his two daughters at a London hotel this week. Trying vainly to pull them to sleep, Ali fell asleep instead.

Jockey Bill Shoemaker, 47, proved one of the most durable athletes of the generation, boosting his victories to more than 7,500, with 750 stakes triumphs and \$70 million in purse winnings.

South Africa's Gary Player,

at 41, outshot pro golf's mushrooming "young lions" to win his third Masters title, and Jack Nicklaus, 31, having gone more than two years without a major title, captured the British Open for his 15th major crown, giving a sweep of the Grand Slam events — the masters, U.S. and British Opens, and American PGA.

The World Cup produced some of the most colorful crowd scenes in soccer history. Whenever Argentina played, thousands paraded through the streets of Buenos Aires long into the early hours, singing and chanting and waving flags.

## Selout

Selout crowds jammed the River Plate stadium in the capital for the semifinals and final. Crowds of around 40,000 watched the games in Mendoza, Cordoba, Mar del Plata and Rosario.

There were many disappointments. The French, surely one of the top teams in the tournament, chose the wrong time to have an off week and didn't make the finals. The Scots also had high hopes, but one of its players was disqualified and the team went home early.

Poland, Germany, Italy, Austria and Holland were the European teams in the finals along with Peru, Brazil and Argentina. Little Tunisia did not make the finals, but surprised a few countries with strong team play.

Holland advanced with a 2-1 victory over Italy. Argentina needed to beat Peru by three goals to qualify, and ended up with a six-goal edge.

In the finals, Argentina proved how valuable the home advantage can be. In three of the past four World Cups, the host has won.

## Tennis seesaw

It was a two-woman show in tennis, with Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova taking turns being the world's "best" woman tennis player. Evert took three-month leave early in the season to combat what she called "weariness and growing boredom."

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The Dallas Cowboys, led by veteran quarterback Roger Staubach and the 1971 top rookie, running back Tony Dorsett, won the National Football League's Super bowl, beating the Denver Broncos 27-10.

The Montreal Canadiens captured the National Hockey League's Stanley Cup for the third straight year.



TRIPLE MASTER: Gary Player of South Africa and his caddy return in triumph from the 18th hole at the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia after Player had scored his third Masters win.

## Despite legal, money mess

### Acquitted boxer dead set on return to ring

DENVER, Colorado, Dec. 25 (AP) — Boxer Ron Lyle, acquitted last week of second-degree murder, is still sparring with legal and financial problems but says he's determined to work himself back into contention for the heavyweight title.

"It's like all of this had to happen to me in order for me to get where I'm going," Lyle said. "I'm going to be champion. Whatever it takes, I'll do it."

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On Dec. 16, a district court jury in Golden found Lyle innocent of second-degree murder in the death of Vernon Clark, a former member of the boxer's road crew. Clark was shot last New Year's eve at Lyle's home, and the defense argued the shooting was an act of self-defense by Lyle during a struggle between the two men.

"I worked all year to get in mental condition for the trial and I'm tapering off from that now," Lyle said the other day. "Then I can start back to working for the physical condition."

"I've tried to keep my sanity, keep myself together, keep my composure," he said. "Life has its ups and downs. I've been up and I was down."

Lyle, now 36, plans to resume training after the first of the year and would like to concentrate on preparing for a planned major fight later in 1979. But other complications continue to cloud his life.

Last week, he was back in court for a hearing on assault charges brought by his common-law wife, Patty Jordan, who has custody of Lyle's 14-year-old son. The hearing was continued to Jan. 17.

Also last week, a saying and loan company began foreclosure proceedings on Lyle's home to collect payments on a loan.

Lyle admits his financial situation is bleak, but says he hopes to forestall his creditors until he can earn some money fighting.

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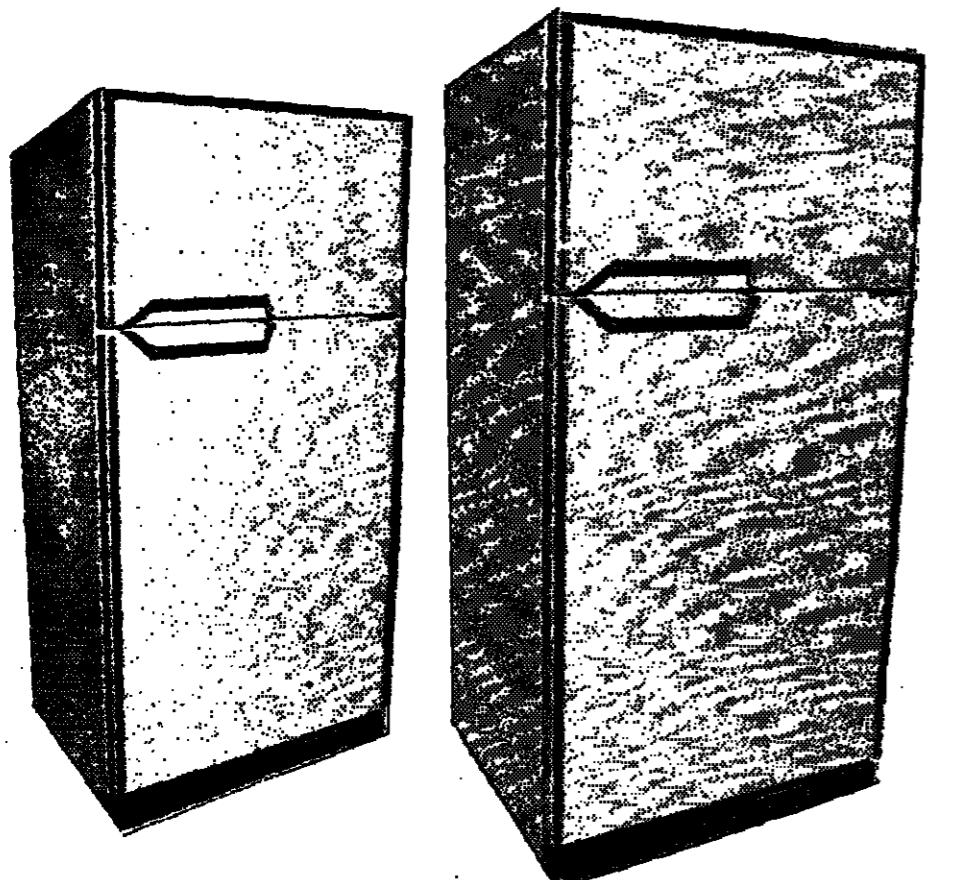
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LONDON, Dec. 25 (R) — Results of European weekend First Division soccer matches.

West Germany

	PL	W	D	L	GF	GA	P
1. FC Cologne	17	10	6	1	36	20	26
Hamburger SV	17	11	3	3	36	13	25
1. FC Nuremberg	17	10	4	3	31	18	24

At the halfway stage of the season, Kaiserslautern lead the table with 26 points from 17 matches, followed by Hamburger SV with 25, VFB Stuttgart, 24, and Eintracht Frankfurt, 20.

The season resumes on Jan. 13 for all but four clubs which have to play matches postponed earlier in the season.

Ron Weiss Oberhausen beat SC Freiburg, 3-2, on penalties in the third round of the West German Cup after extra time ended without score.

Standings

PL W D L GF GA P

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Hamburg SV	17	11	3	3	36	13	25
VFB Stuttgart	17	10	4	3	31	18	24
Eintracht Frankfurt	17	9	2	6	27	24	20
Fortuna Dusseldorf	17	7	4	6	36	27	18
Bayern Munich	17	7	4	6	33	25	18
Schalke 04	17	6	6	5	34	27	18

Portugal

PL W D L GF GA P

Beira Mar	5	3	1	1	1	1	1
Estoril	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sporting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boavista	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Spain

There were no Spanish soccer matches Sunday because of the Christmas holiday.

Greece

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AEK

Apollon

Yannina

Ethnikos

Larisa

Kavala

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# Egyptian crude income \$2.2b after OPEC rise

CAIRO, Dec. 25 (AP) — Egypt's income from oil sales will amount to \$2.2 billion a year as a result of the recent price rise agreed at the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries oil ministers meeting in Abu Dhabi, Oil Minister Izzeddin Hilal says.

Addressing parliament, Hilal said that since Israel relinquished some of the oilfields in Sinai Egypt has become a net exporter of crude.

A brief account of his address to parliament was distributed by the Middle East News Agency.

## Omani team talks with Cairo aides

MUSCAT, Dec. 25 (R) — Oman's Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Petroleum and Mineral Resources Said Ahmad Al-Shanfari conferred here Monday with a delegation from the Egyptian Ministry of Land Reclamation, Radio Oman said.

The delegation, led by the Ministry's Undersecretary Abd El-Hamid Al-Toumi, is visiting Oman to discuss co-operation in land reclamation.

The radio said Toumi extended an invitation from Egyptian minister of Land Reclamation Tewfik Karara to Shafrazi to visit Egypt.

## And European solutions

# The dollar, inflation: unhappy 1978

By Louis Nevin  
LONDON, Dec. 25 (AP) — The steady decline of the American dollar through much of 1978 fed inflation in Western Europe and disrupted foreign trade. Government leaders moved at the year's end to insulate their economies from such currency upheavals.

After months of preparation for what was described as the most important European enterprise Common Market heads of government were inaugurating Jan. 1 a new European Monetary System, although Britain elected to stay out of the grounds that the pound sterling would suffer.

The aim of the EMS is to

fire the greater part of Common Market trade from monetary upheavals outside the community by tying member currencies together while allowing all to float freely as a group in relation to the dollar. Each member will deposit in a central fund 20 per cent of its holdings of gold and foreign currency. The fund of about \$33 billion will be used to help members maintain their currencies within the 2.25 per cent limit they are allowed to vary in relation to the money of other members.

The EMS replaces a previous similar arrangement known commonly as "the Snake." Originally, Britain, Italy and

Ireland decided to stay out of the EMS but further inducements from West Germany persuaded the Italians to join and the Irish were likely to go along also. Norway, a member of the Snake, decided to drop out despite a warning from West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of a disintegration of the European Community "unless we succeed in stabilizing currencies internally."

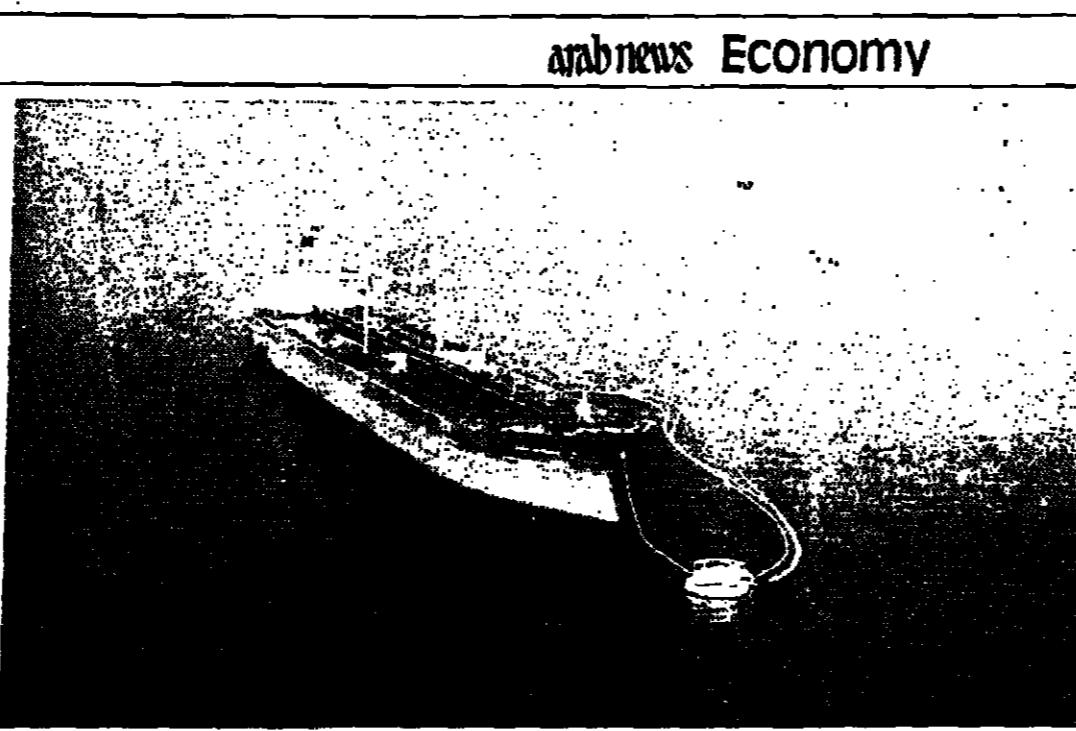
Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Denis Healey retorted that this could not be done as long as economies were on divergent courses. The economically powerful members would have to do more than they

were willing to help the weaker economies. This brought charges that a "two-tier Europe" had been forged in Brussels.

The project was broached last summer to meet the dollar's slump. The currency had lost 17.3 per cent of its value in relation to major currencies by the time President Carter acted Nov. 1 to stem the onslaught with a sharp credit squeeze at home and the establishment of a \$30 billion fund to defend the dollar abroad in money markets. The dollar has recouped part of its losses since then.

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TANKER: After the slump in the world demand for tankers, many of the larger ships are lying idle across the world.

## Worse to come

### Too many tankers to go round

By William C. Rempe  
NEW YORK, Dec. 25 —

There are too many oil tankers in the world. So many that some owners are paying shipyards millions of dollars to cancel orders placed early in the 1970s—before the sur-

plus. It reportedly recently cost one American company \$7 million to cancel an order.

Some who did not cancel now own hundreds of millions of dollars in idle tankers.

Parts of the Mediterranean

and the fjords of Norway look like tanker graveyards where empty ships lie at anchor, lashed together in neat rows.

Slightly used tankers are selling for little more than their scrap value. A 250,000 deadweight ton ship, built three years ago for about \$60 million, sells for \$12 million. Deadweight tonnage includes the weight of all cargo fuel and stores.

And if these developments aren't bad enough, worse days may lie ahead because of po-

tentially enormous oil reserves discovered in Mexico.

That was the warning to tanker industry planners by Arthur McKenzie, director of the Tanker Advisory Center, during a World Trade Institute tanker seminar here.

"The Mexico discovery is bad news for the tanker industry—just as it is good news for consumers. A lot of people in our industry are going to lose their shirts," McKenzie told the seminar.

"Right now half of all the big ships in the world are surplus," he said.

What makes the Mexico oil discovery so bad for tankers is its proximity to the United States—the world's super-consumer of oil.

The oil fields are close enough to use pipelines rather than ships to transport crude oil and refined products to the U.S.

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## \$49 million loan for Jordanian potash firm

AMMAN, Dec. 25 (R) — Iraq will lend the Arab Potash Company in Jordan 15 million dinars (\$49 million), Iraqi Minister of Commerce Hassan Ali said here Monday.

He said his government had also decided to lend the Jordanian Petrochemicals Company five million dinars (\$16 million).

Ali, who arrived here Sunday, had talks Monday with Jordanian Minister of Industry and Trade Nadimuddin Dajani on increasing trade, establishment of joint projects and directing Iraqi imports to the Jordanian port of Aqaba.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	6.75	6.75
Deutsche Mark (100)	181.00	181.00
Swiss F (100)	204.50	204.50
French F (100)	79.50	79.50
Italian Lira (1000)	4.15	4.05
Lebanese Lira (100)	112.50	113.25
Syrian Lira (100)	81.00	86.15
Egyptian Pound	4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.30	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	11.40	11.32
Emirates Dirham (100)	82.50	86.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	87.50	86.80
Bahraini Dinar	8.75	8.50
Iranian Riyal (100)	46.00	46.50
Iraqi Dinar	9.85	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	74.00	73.30
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* " "	Technical equipment and machinery	xx	xx	Jan. 7
* " "	Supply and installation of four telephone exchanges at the directorate's branches in Yanbu, Damman, Bahri and Taif	xx	xx	Jan. 14
* Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Asphalting, paving and lighting of roads in Qunfuzah	xx	200	Jan. 13
* Ministry's Agency for Endowments Affairs	Installation of water meters in the apartments of Jafar Merk building in Shubaika, Mecca	xx	30	Jan. 13
* Directorate of Education, Medina	Supply of educational aids	xx	100	Jan. 20



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18 ACHILLEUS	ROLACO	BLNK CEMENT	21.12.1978
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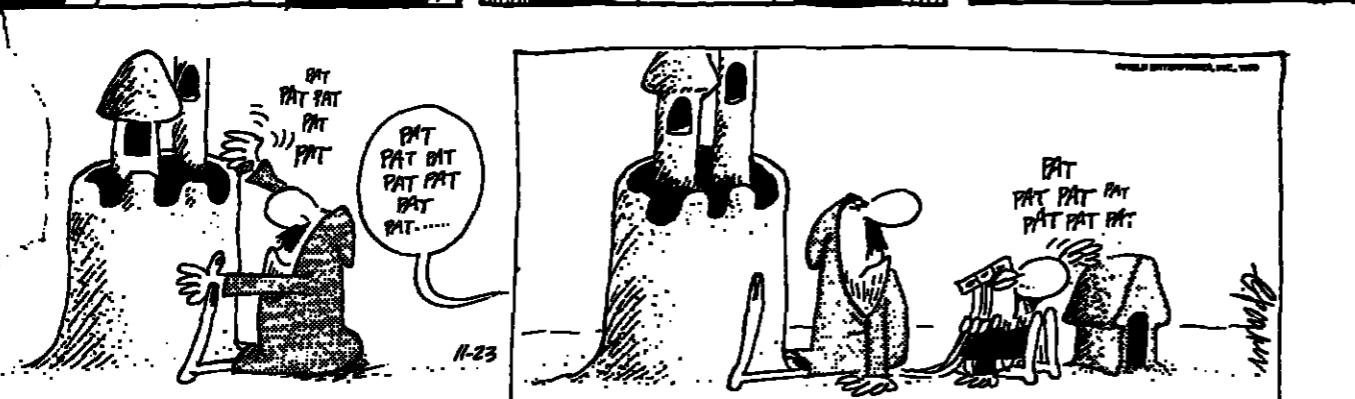
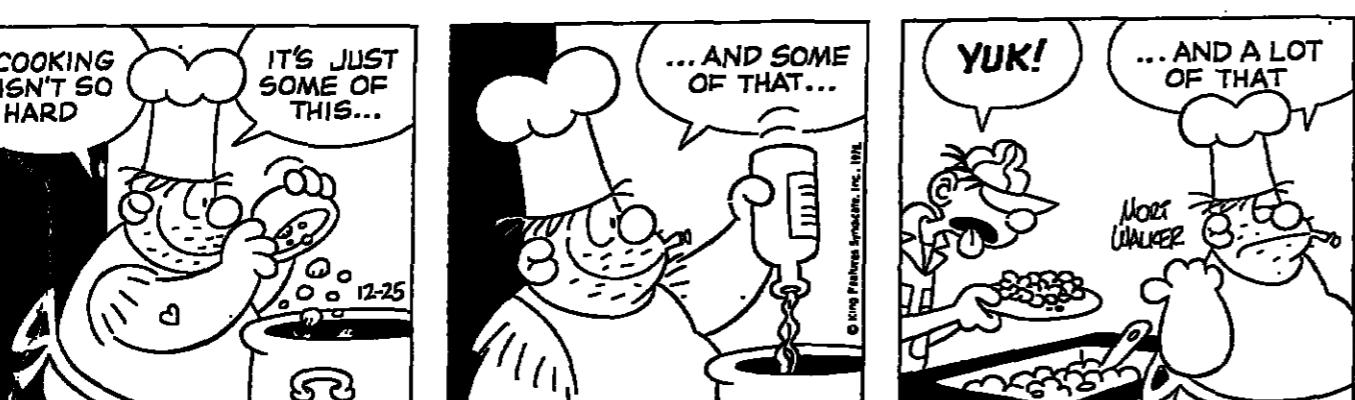
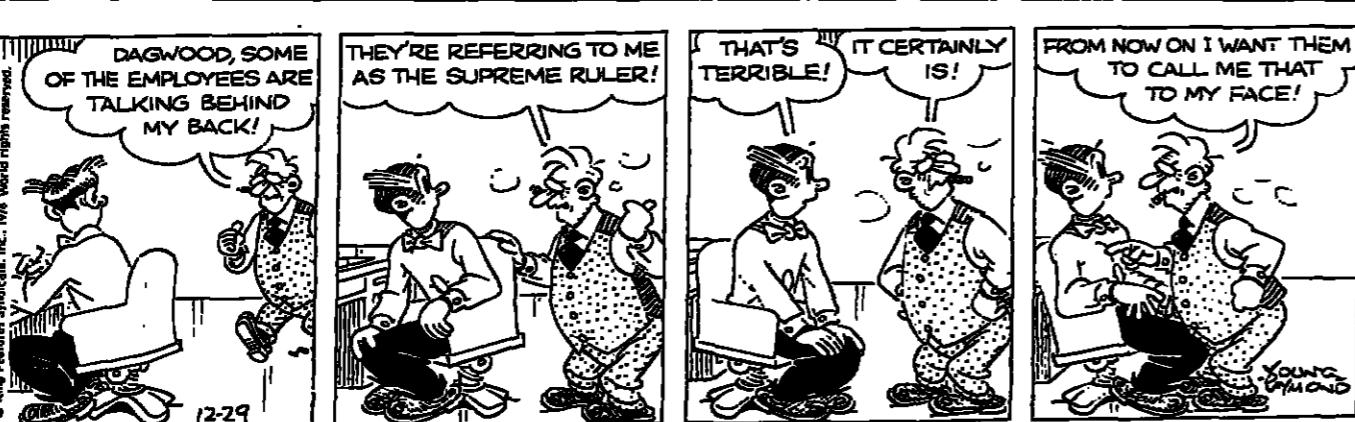
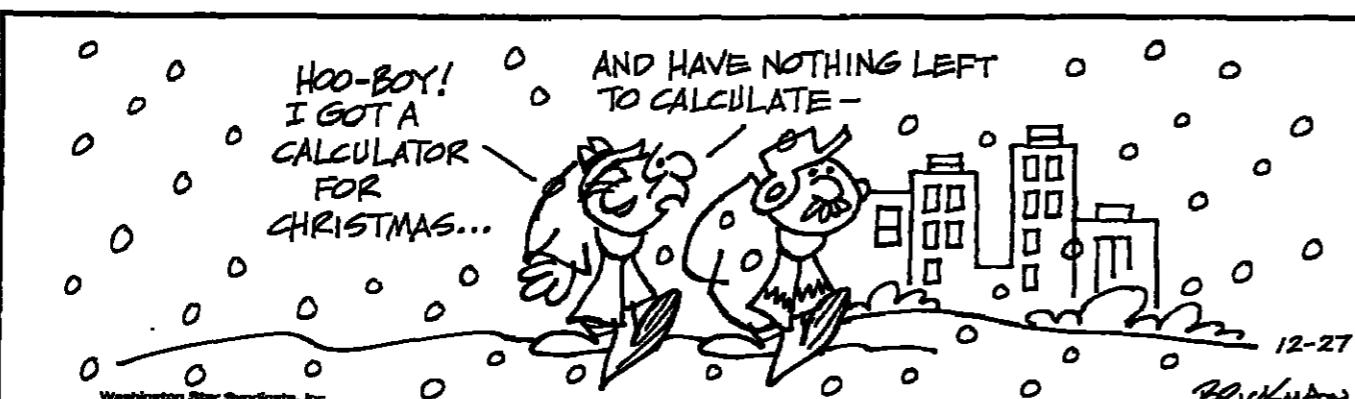
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

## ACROSS

- 1 It's a university city
- 2 Dragon's weapon
- 3 Joe de ville
- 4 Overflow
- 5 Handi-work
- 6 Y.A. of football fame
- 7 Dusk
- 8 Johnny Reb's opposite number
- 9 Resilient
- 10 Function
- 11 Cathedral city
- 12 Willow genus
- 13 Bone up
- 14 Worked in the garden
- 15 Duck family bird
- 16 Sub's stabilizer
- 17 Dot
- 18 Card play
- 19 Multi-colored
- 20 Equivocate
- 21 Involve
- 22 London street
- 23 Take a pension
- 24 Cell's tongue
- 25 Sylvan deity
- 26 Pompeii heroine
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- 38 Sylvan deity
- 39 Youngster

## Down

- 1 Attack
- 2 Vibrant
- 3 Glossy black
- 4 Once
- 5 Blue moon
- 6 These days
- 7 Dwell
- 8 Reduced in price
- 9 Twined deposit
- 10 Flick
- 11 Hot or rumble
- 12 River
- 13 Blue moon
- 14 Observe
- 15 Reduced in price
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King of clubs lead and then take his queen with the ace. When you now play the A-K of trumps you know that East has two more trump tricks coming.

This is certainly disconcerting, but you're not tickled yet. Shifting gears slightly, next time cash the A-K of hearts. When West shows up with a singleton heart, you can easily deduce that he started with a 4-3-1-1 distribution.

This is a very promising development, so it now seems likely you'll win ten tricks even though you have five losers!

You ruff a heart in your hand, ruff a club in dummy, then ruff another heart. You then cash with a diamond to the ace and ruff dummy's last heart. By this time, eleven tricks have been taken, and you've won four losers!

When you're declarer in a suit contract, it is often best to start attacking your opponents by counting your losers. However, in hands where you plan to do lots of ruffing back and forth, counting your losers is not always a reliable guide to your chances.

For example, take this deal where it seems you must lose two trump tricks, two diamonds and one club. So, by counting your losers, you appear destined to go down two.

But you can do much better than that. You duck West's

The bidding:

South West North East Pass

1♦ 2♦ 2♦ 4♦

Opening lead — King of clubs

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The principle demonstrated here is a very simple one. The defenders can't beat four spades if you take ten tricks!

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## PRAYER TIMES

TUESDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Assr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:36	7:03	12:28	3:32	5:49	7:19
Medina	5:42	7:08	12:30	3:28	5:44	7:14
Nejd	5:08	6:38	11:56	2:55	5:11	6:41

## DHAHREN TV

3:30 Children's Show	Top Cat: Space Monkey
4:30 Fantastic Four	The Micro World of Dr. Doom
4:31 Wide World of Sports	IROC No. 1 Inter. Race
5:43 Walkons	The Test
6:31 Welcome Back Kotter	And Baby Makes Four Part 1
7:05 That's My Mama	The Witness
7:30 Charles Angels	Lady Killers
8:16 Saint III	The Angel's Eye
9:04 Best Sellers	Wheels Part II

## WEATHER

Dense clouds at low altitude will cover the northern province and parts of the western and central provinces causing occasional showers. Temperatures will drop gradually in the same areas. Winds will blow westerly to northwesterly at moderate speed, with occasional gusts raising some dust.

The winds will remain southerly in the eastern and central provinces, raising dust and sands. Fog is expected along the eastern coast during the night and early morning. Temperatures will rise in parts of the central and eastern provinces. Sea conditions in territorial waters will be calm to moderate. Monday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	30	21	Hail	24	06
Jeddah	32	21	Tabuk	19	09
Riyadh	24	05	Turaif	17	04
Dhahran	22	09	Rafha	26	08
Medina	26	11	Yanbu	28	18
Taif	24	10	Abyad	21	05

## SAUDI RADIO

Afternoon Transmission  
1:00 Opening  
1:01 The Holy Quran  
1:03 Gems of Guidance  
1:10 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle  
1:15 S.A. Historical Notes  
1:30 Off the Record  
2:00 Your Choice  
2:30 On Islam  
2:40 Islam the Divine Truth  
2:55 Music  
3:00 NEWS  
3:10 Press Review  
3:15 Music  
3:20 My Music  
3:50 Close Down

Evening Transmission  
10:00 Opening  
10:01 The Holy Quran  
10:05 Message to the Faithful  
10:10 Light Music  
10:15 NEWS  
10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle  
10:30 Music Worldwide  
11:00 Champions of Solidarity  
11:10 Press Review  
11:15 The Sixties  
11:45 The World of Guitar  
12:00 Islamic Contributions  
12:15 The Songwriters  
12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams  
12:59 Close Down

## Morning Transmission

6:00 World News

6:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

6:30 Sarah Ward

6:45 World Today

7:00 Newsdesk

9:30 "Opera Star"

10:00 World News

10:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

10:30 "Sarah Ward"

10:45 "Something to Show You"

11:00 World News

11:09 Reflections

11:15 Piano Style

11:30 Brain of Britain 1978

12:00 World News

12:09 British Press Review

12:15 World Today

12:30 Financial News

12:40 Look Ahead

12:45 The Tony Myatt Request Show

1:15 Ulster in Focus

1:30 Discovery

2:00 World News

2:09 News about Britain

2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curios

2:30 Sports International

3:00 Radio Newscast

3:15 Promenade Concert

3:45 Sports Round-up

4:00 World News

4:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

## BBC

4:10 The Pleasure's Yours

5:15 Report on Religion

6:00 Radio Newscast

6:15 "Outlook"

7:00 World News

7:09 Commentary

7:15 "Sherlock Holmes"

7:45 World Today

8:00 World News

8:09 "Books and Writers"

8:30 "Take One"

8:45 Sports Round-up

9:00 World News

9:09 News about Britain

9:15 Radio Newscast

9:30 Farming World

10:00 Outlook News Summary

10:39 Stock Market Report

10:43 Look Ahead

10:45 Ulster in Focus

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11:09 Twenty-Four Hours News Summary

11:30 The Pleasure's Yours

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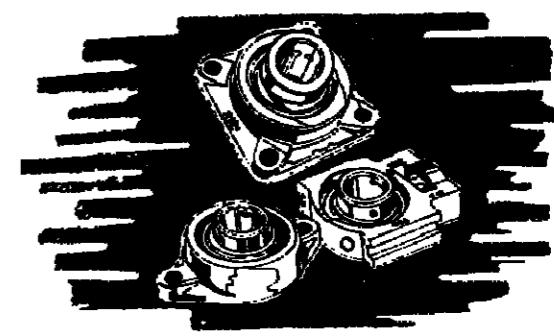
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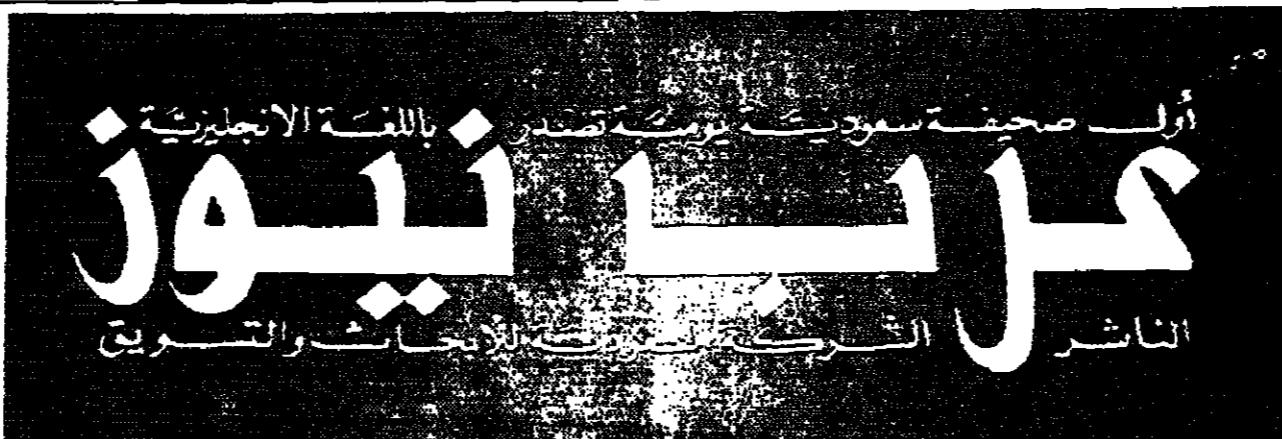
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## Late News

*Transmits for 95 minutes*

## Russian craft eases to Venus surface

MOSCOW, Dec. 25 (AP) — The Soviet Union soft-landed its second spacecraft in five days Monday on the planet Venus. It transmitted back 95 minutes of scientific information about Earth's nearest neighbor.

The Venus 11 probe worked amid sizzling Venusian temperatures of 446 degrees centigrade, the Soviet news agency Tass reported.

But the latest craft did not radio material back to Earth for as long a period of time as

Venus 12, which soft-landed on the planet Dec. 21 and transmitted information for 110 minutes, making it the most successful Soviet experiment on Venus to date.

A parachute deposited the Venus 11 craft on the planet's surface on a spot about 1,600 miles from the landing site of the Venus 12, Tass said.

While nearing the planet's surface, the Venus 11 probe analyzed the atmosphere. The data was picked up by the

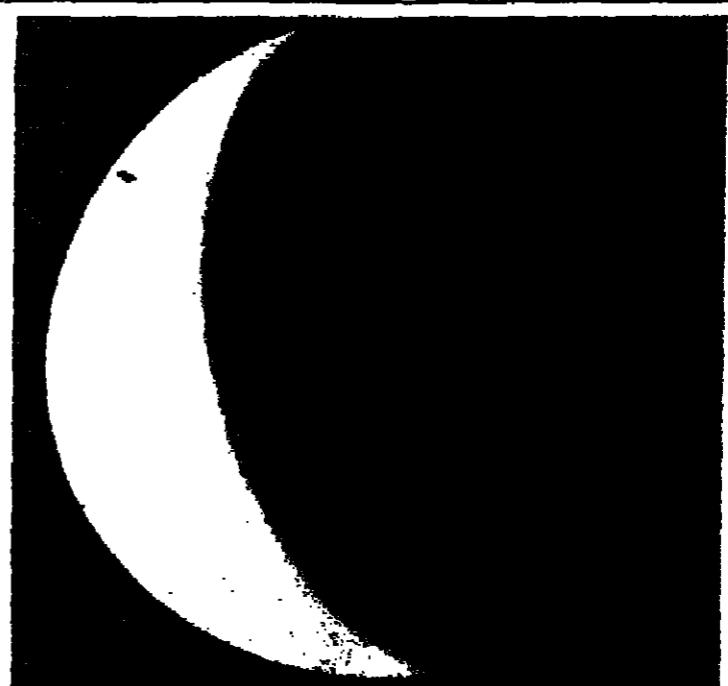
Venus 11 station hovering above the planet and then relayed back to Earth, Tass said.

Tass said the Venus 11 mission was almost identical to the Venus 12 project. Both stations carried plaques with a bas-relief of Lenin. The descent crafts were emblazoned with the U.S.S.R. state symbol showing

U.S. capsules plunged into the Venusian atmosphere.

The Soviet landers were designed to burn up in the atmosphere, while four others were to burn up after they struck the surface. In an unexpected development, one U.S. probe managed to survive and transmit measurements on the planet's atmosphere for 67 minutes.

The Venus 12 landing came 12 days after five U.S. sci-



VENUS: One of the first photographs sent back by the U.S. probe of the planet shows Venus moving from day into night. The Soviets Monday successfully soft-landed their second craft on the surface which transmitted for 95 minutes.

73 still missing

## Sicilian search goes on

PALERMO, Dec. 25 Sicily Investigators said they hoped (AP) — Frogmen searched to recover the "black box" Monday for more bodies of the victims and the flight recorder of an Alitalia jet that ditched into the sea, broke up and sank off Sicily Saturday.

Officials said 73 bodies were still yet to be recovered from the DC-9 jetliner about 30 meters down on the seabed. Only 21 persons of 129 on board survived the crash just before a night-time landing at Palermo's controversial Punta Raisi Airport.

The cause of the crash is still unknown. The pilot gave no warning that there was any trouble on board the twin-engine jet. He acknowledged instructions from the control tower to make a slight course adjustment as the plane came in with flaps and undercarriage down, and then radio link went dead.

Many of the victims were Sicilian migrant workers returning for the holiday from the industrial north of Italy or jobs in northern Europe.

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